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1. LNA APRIL 8 REPORTED THAT RCC CHAIRMAN QADHAFI MET WITH ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE AT HASSI MAS' UD IN ALGERIA APRIL7. "MR. ABD AL- SALAM J IPRFN RCC MEMBER AND PRIME MINISTER, AND MAJOR AWAD HAMZA, RCC MEMBER" TOOK PART IN TALKS ON LAR SIDE, LNA REPORTED. MEETING WAS DESCRIBED AS ONE OF "PERIODIC" GET- TOGETHERS OF TWO LEADERS.

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- 2. THIS NEWS APPARENTLY SCOTCHES EARLIER REPORT JALLUD RESIGNATION FROM RCC (REFTEL), BUT FAILS TO CLEAR UP LOCAL POLITICAL FOG. ON ONE HAND, LNA CAREFULLY DUBBED JALLUD AS " MISTER", WHILE IDENTIFYING QADHAFI ANJ HAMZA WITH MILITARY TITLES. MOREOVER LOCAL MEDIA OVER LAST 48 HOURS HAD BEEN TOTALLY SILENT ABOUT ANY AND ALL RCC MEMBERS WITH EXCEPTION OF QADHAFI.
- 3. ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL BOUMEDIENE VISITED TRIPOLI MARCH 29/30, JUST PRIOR TO REPORTEDLY UNSUCCESSFUL QADHAFI- SADAT TALKS (APRIL 2/3). CIRCUMSTANCES SUGGEST QADHAFI TREK TO HASSI MAS' UD MAY MEAN HE SEEKING "ALGERIAN OPTION" AFTER RIFT WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT. NOTEWORTHY, HOWEVER, IS FACT LAR MEDIA CONTINUE HARPING ON THEME LAR-EGYPT MERGER PREPARATIONS. JOSIF

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